AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

U.S. Application No.: 09/762,145

REMARKS

Review and reconsideration on the merits are requested.

Of the pending claims, claims 1, 2, 4, 7-10 and 12-24 are allowed but pending claim 26 is

rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, and under 35 U.S.C. § 101.

Applicants amend claim 26 in a manner which it is believed responds to the outstanding

rejection and request withdrawal of the rejection and allowance of claim 26.

It is believed that fair basis occurs at page 1, for example, lines 8-14.

Since the Examiner found the elected invention allowable and continued the examination

of the non-elected claims, all non-elected claims indicated to be "withdrawn" have been checked

and are now indicated to be "original" except for claims 17 and 26 which are "(currently

amended)".

Allowance is requested.

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